



CONGRESSMAN
COLIN ALLRED
REPRESENTING THE 32ND DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Six Month Report

Working for the 32nd Congressional District of Texas



Allred speaking with constituents at the Noon Exchange Club of Garland's Memorial Day event



Allred answers TX-32 constituent questions at a joint town hall in Dallas with Rep. Veasey and Dallas City Councilmember Jennifer Staubach Gates

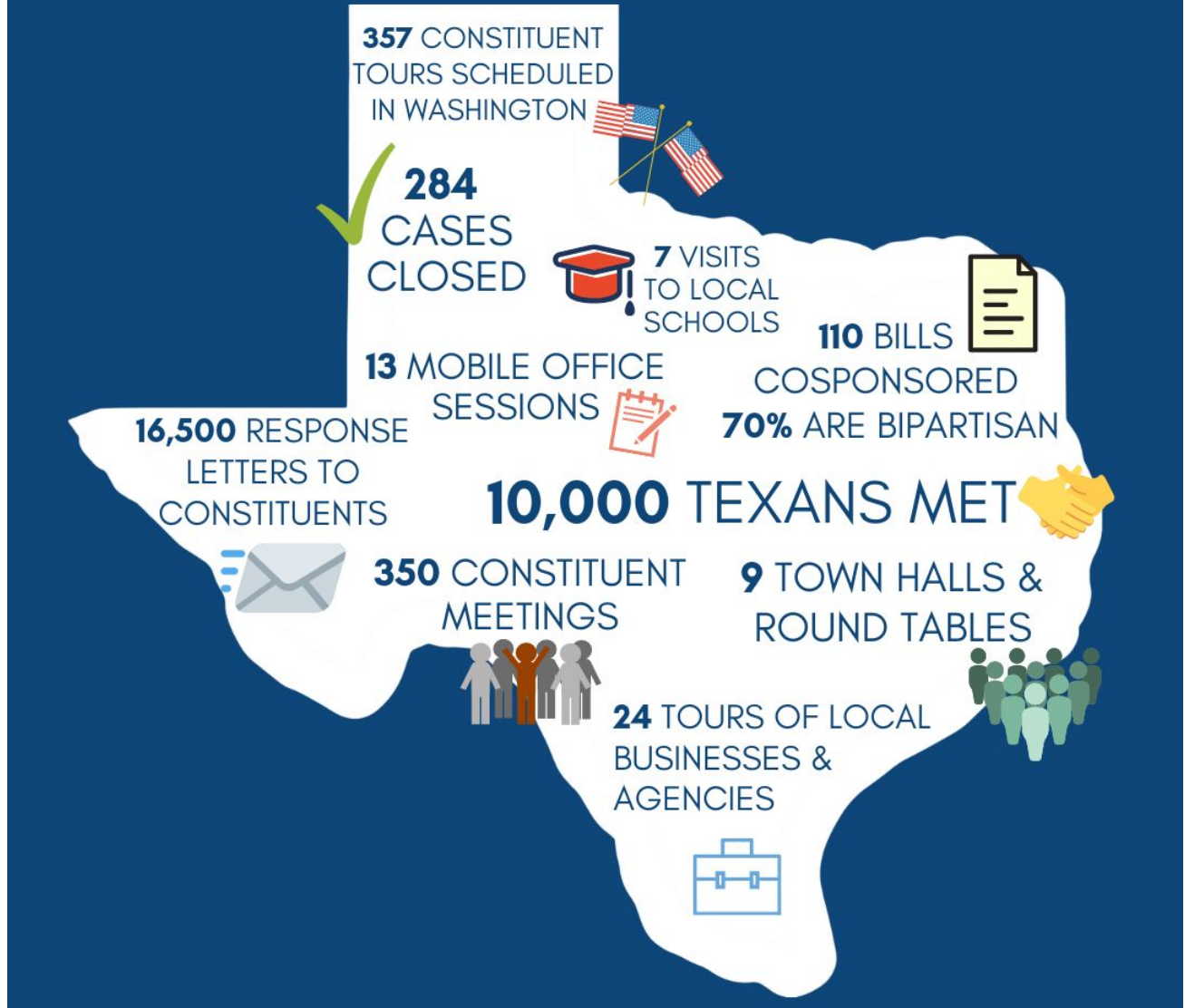


Allred attends Boeing 737 Max hearing

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FIRST 6 MONTHS: BY THE NUMBERS



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Key Legislation Passed

Allred led bills:

H. Res. 6, Title III of the Rules package: The Allred Resolution authorized the House to intervene as a party in the Texas lawsuit seeking to undermine the Affordable Care Act. The resolution passed with bipartisan support by a margin of 235-192.

H. Res. 271, Condemning the Trump Administration's Legal Campaign to Take Away Americans' Health Care: The Allred resolution passed with bipartisan support on April 3.

Key Bills passed by the full House:

H.R. 676, NATO Support Act: On January 22, the House passed bipartisan legislation reaffirming the United States' support for NATO and Article V, the alliance's collective defense agreement.

H.R. 8, Bipartisan Background Checks Act: On February 27, the House passed H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.R. 1, The For the People Act: On March 8, the House passed H.R. 1, delivering on our pledge to renew Americans' faith in government. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

S. 47, John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act: On March 12, the House passed S. 47, a bipartisan conservation and public lands package.

H.Con. Res. 24, Resolution on the Mueller Report: On March 14, the House passed legislation to express the sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller should be made public to the American people and Congress.

H.R. 7, Paycheck Fairness Act: On March 27, the House passed the bill out of the House with bipartisan support. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.Res. 124, Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals: On March 28, the House passed Rep. Joe Kennedy's resolution opposing the Trump Administration's transgender service ban with bipartisan support.

H.R. 1585, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act: On April 4, the House passed the bill with bipartisan support, including 33 House Republicans.

H.R. 1644, Save the Internet Act: On April 10, the House passed the Save the Internet Act to reinstate vital net neutrality protections. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.R. 9, Climate Action Now Act: On May 2, the House passed the bill with bipartisan support. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.R. 1704, Championing American Business Through Diplomacy Act: On May 7, the House passed the bill with bipartisan support. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.R. 299, Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act: On May 14, the House passed the bill with bipartisan support, on June 12, the Senate passed the bill, **and on June 25, the bill was signed by the President into law. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.**

H.R. 987, Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act: On May 16, the House passed legislation to lower prescription drug costs and stabilize the health care system with bipartisan support.

H.R. 5, Equality Act: On May 17, the House passed landmark legislation protecting LGBT persons from discrimination with bipartisan support. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.R. 1200, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: On May 21, the House passed legislation providing cost-of-living increases for veterans' benefits. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.R. 1994, SECURE Act: On May 23, the House passed legislation to expand access to retirement accounts and end harmful tax increases on children and Gold Star families with bipartisan support.

H.R. 951, United States-Mexico Tourism Improvement Act: On June 10, the House passed legislation to promote bilateral tourism through cooperation between the United States and Mexico. Allred is a cosponsor of the bill.

H.R. 2740, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act: On June 19, the House passed the bill.

H.R. 3055, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: On June 25, the House passed the bill.

H.R. 3351, Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act: On June 26, the House passed the bill.

H.R. 2722, SAFE Act: On June 27, the House passed legislation providing grants to states to help secure the nation's election infrastructure.

Bills Sponsored

H.R. 1504: Know Your Polling Place Act: This bill requires that voters be notified of changes in their polling place and ensure accommodations be made to voters that show up at the wrong polling place.

H.R. 2475: RAPID ACT: This bill incentivizes investment in infrastructure through participation in the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA). This is a bipartisan bill cosponsored by Rep. Mike Gallagher (WI-08), with a companion bill in the Senate introduced by Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) and Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA).

H.R. 2752: VA Newborn Emergency Treatment Act: This bill clarifies that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can cover the costs of transportation for newborn babies of certain women veterans.

Bills Cosponsored

110 bills cosponsored, 70% of which are bipartisan

H.R. 1: For the People Act

H.J. Res 2: Proposing a Constitutional Amendment Ending Citizens United

H.R. 4: Voting Rights Advancement Act

H.R. 5: Equality Act

H.R. 6: American Dream and Promise Act

H.R. 7: Paycheck Fairness Act

H.R. 8: Bipartisan Background Checks Act

H.R. 9: Climate Action Now

H.Res.23: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of door delivery for all business and residential customers.

H.Res 33: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization

H.Res.37: Honoring the Life of Richard Overton

H.J Res 46: Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019

H.Res. 49: Supporting Coptic Christians in Egypt

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H.R. 51: Washington, D.C. Admission Act

H.Res.54: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service.

H.J. Res.61: Providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services.

H.J. Res.62: Providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services.

H.J. Res.63: Providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services.

H.J. Res.64: Providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services.

H.Res 71: Observing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

H.R. 95: Homeless Veteran Families Act

H.Res. 124: Expressing opposition to banning service in the Armed Forces by openly transgender individuals

H.Res 154: Original National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Resolution of 2019

H.Res 177: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should continue to support the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program

H.Res. 220: Recognizing the interdependence of diplomacy, development, and defense as critical to effective national security

H.Res. 221: Reaffirming the importance of upholding democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in U.S. foreign policy

H.Res. 222: Emphasizing the importance of alliances and partnerships

H. Res. 246: Opposing Efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel

H.Res.259: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the repatriation of religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq to their ancestral homelands.

H.R. 270: Government Shutdown Impact Report Act

H.Res. 291: Recognizing that contributions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are vital to United States national security

H.R. 299: Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act

H.Res. 299: Condemning White Supremacist Terrorism and the Anti-immigrant Rhetoric that Inspires It Resolution

H.Res.326: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

H.Res.374: Condemning Iranian state-sponsored terrorism and expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and non-nuclear republic of Iran.

H.Res.393: Remembering the victims of the violent suppression of democracy protests in Tiananmen Square and elsewhere in China on June 3 and 4, 1989, and calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to respect the universally recognized human rights of all people living in China and around the world.

H.Res.404: Commending Korean and Korean-American Vietnam War veterans for their service to the United States during the Vietnam conflict.

H.Res.432: Condemning the attacks on peaceful protesters and supporting an immediate peaceful transition to a civilian-led democratic government in Sudan.

H.Res.450: Recognizing June 19, 2019, as this year's observance of the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day.

H.R. 512: To designate Post Office in Stamford, Texas, as the "Charles W. Stenholm Post Office Building"

H.R. 545: Financial Relief for Feds Act

H.R. 555: The Disability Integration Act

H.R. 584: Incentivizing Medicaid Expansion Act

H.R. 649: Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act

H.R. 662: The Report and Educate About Campus Hazing (REACH) Act

H.R. 724: Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act

H.R. 748: Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act

H.R. 759: Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama Coushatta Tribes of Texas Equal and Fair Opportunity Settlement Act

H.R. 834: Shutdown to End All Shutdowns Act

H.R. 865: Rebuild America's Schools Act

H.R. 870: Reauthorization of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Preservation Program

H.R. 886: Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act

H.R. 951: US Mexico Tourism Improvement Act

H.R. 965: Creating and Restoring Equal Access to Equivalent Samples Act (CREATES)

H.R. 1055: Global Health, Empowerment and Rights Act (HER) Act

H.R. 1108: Aviation Funding Stability Act

H.R. 1171: Funding for Aviation Screeners and Threat Elimination Restoration (FASTER) Act

H.R. 1228: HEART Act

H.R. 1250: To designate the Post Office in Hardin, Texas, as the "Lucas Lowe Post Office"

H.R. 1327: Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act

H.R. 1423: Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal (FAIR) Act

H.R. 1425: State Health Care Premium Reduction Act

H.R. 1438: Same Day Voter Registration Act

H.R. 1560: American Family Act

H.R. 1570: Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act

H.R. 1644: Save the Internet Act

H.R. 1694: To protect the voting rights of Native American and Alaska Native voters

H.R. 1837: US-Israel Cooperation Enhancement & Regional Security Act

H.R. 1884: Protecting Pre-Existing Conditions & Making Health Care More Affordable Act

H.R. 1968: Shirley Chisholm Congressional Gold Medal Act

H.R. 2046: Energy Diplomacy Act of 2019

H.R. 2074: Gluten in Medicine Disclosure Act of 2019

H.R. 2088: To amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2334: To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Odessa, Texas, as the "Wilson and Young Medal of Honor VA Clinic".

H.R. 2382: USPS Fairness Act

H.R. 2428: Access to Breast Cancer Diagnosis Act of 2019

H.R. 2481: Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act

H.R. 2615: United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act

H.R. 2623: Search and Rescue Dog Protection Act

H.R. 2829: AUMF Clarification Act

H.R. 2975: Women's Health Protection Act of 2019

H.R. 2977: DISCLOSE Act of 2019

H.R. 3010: Honoring All Veterans Act

H.R. 3252: Global Respect Act

H.R. 3281: Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2019

H.R. 3464: ACTION for National Service

H.R. 3519: Better Services to Borrowers

Working for the 32nd District

Delivering Vital Federal Services to North Texas:** **Casework Successes



Allred with constituents who received casework assistance in dealing with federal agencies

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Tommy from Garland

Tommy, a Garland native, hurt his back on the job while working for the U.S. Postal Service. His pain was so severe that he needed surgery to implant a device that would control it. As he waited for months to have his surgery approved by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Tommy's quality of life decreased rapidly. He could no longer walk without a cane, and depended on opioids to stave off the pain. Tommy longed for the days where he could lift his grandson again.

That's when he and his wife Sheila came to Rep. Allred's office for help. Immediately, Rep. Allred inquired with the Dept. of Labor to see why his surgery approval was taking so long. Within a few days, Tommy received a call from his doctor's office letting him know that they could schedule the surgery.

Tommy's life since the surgery has improved tremendously. He no longer walks with a cane and his doctors will eventually be able to reduce his opioid dosage. He is now closer to being able to play with his grandson again.

Yiping from Garland

Yiping immigrated to Garland, Texas from China in order to further his education and pursue his American Dream. With a diploma in hand from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a passion for software engineering, Yiping was able to land his dream job at a major tech company.

Before he could start his new job, Yiping needed a work permit. He was scheduled to receive his permit the month before his official start date but received nothing in the mail. After postponing his start date, and inquiring several times to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services with no answer, Yiping feared he would lose his job. That's when he contacted Rep. Allred's office.

Right away, Rep. Allred inquired with USCIS and found that a technical issue was holding up his work permit. Within three weeks of the inquiry, Yiping received his work permit in the mail, just in time for his new start date at his new job.

Barbara from Richardson

Barbara is a high school guidance counselor in Richardson, and has been serving her community for decades. When she filed her tax return this year, she hoped to get a tax refund back to help pay medical bills. Unfortunately, the refund was taking longer than expected and she wasn't sure why. With expenses piling up, she turned to Rep. Allred's office for help.

Rep. Allred was able to reach out to the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, and within a few days, the refund was deposited to her bank account.

David from Richardson

When Richardson resident David turned 65, he signed up for Medicare Part B coverage. Having medical coverage is extremely important to David's health because he is currently dealing with several ailments, including diabetes and a recent heart attack. However, David never received his Medicare card, which confirmed his coverage. David, therefore, could not receive the necessary treatment from his doctors.

David made multiple efforts in person and over the phone to get his Medicare card. That is why it came as a surprise to him that not only would he not be receiving his card, but his Medicare coverage had been discontinued altogether. David appealed the decision, but as his health was deteriorating rapidly, he knew he would need additional support. After not having coverage for 10 months he turned to Rep. Allred's office for help.

Rep. Allred quickly contacted the Social Security Administration to have his coverage reinstated. After many months without coverage, he was reinstated into Medicare Part B. David confirmed with Rep. Allred's staff that he was on his way to his first doctor visit in quite some time.

Bothwell from Dallas

Dallas resident Bothwell was scheduled to have kidney surgery. Because the surgery was serious, his doctors required that he have a family member who could make decisions on his behalf, on the chance that he may not be able to make any on his own.

Bothwell did not have any close family living in the United States. His next of kin was his wife, who was living thousands of miles away in Zambia. She needed a visa to come to the United States, but time was running out and Bothwell needed his wife by his side.

That's when he turned to Rep. Allred's office for help. Rep. Allred was able to submit a letter of support to the U.S. Embassy in Zambia right before his wife's visa interview. The day after her interview, Bothwell called Rep. Allred's office with the news that her visa was approved and she would be able to come to the country. Now Bothwell will have peace of mind knowing his wife will be by his side for his surgery.

Ahmad from Dallas

Ahmad served seven years as a translator for the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. In 2016, he moved to the United States with his wife and his children, in pursuit of his American Dream.

While working as a security guard in Dallas, Ahmad was tragically shot four times, which resulted in his paralysis from the neck down, and eventually a heart attack which left him dependent on a ventilator. His wife knew that because of the rapid deterioration of her husband's condition, his parents needed to come to see him to possibly give their last goodbyes. They applied for a visa, but were denied three times. With time running out, Ahmad's family contacted Rep. Allred's office.

Rep. Allred was able to send a letter of support for his parents to the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan describing Ahmad's desperate situation. The embassy initially denied their visa, but after receiving Rep. Allred's letter, they called his parents the day after for a follow up interview over the phone. They were approved immediately.

Evan from Richardson

After 16 years of working in the field, Evan was excited to open his own distillery in the city of Richardson. As a Richardson resident with two children attending Richardson ISD schools, he looked forward to the prospect of contributing to the community he loved.

He applied for the proper permits to open his business but faced a delay as the government shutdown in January slowed down processing of permit applications. With an estimated 150 day delay, Evan turned to Rep. Allred's office for help.

After asking the Alcohol, Tobacco, Tax and Trade Bureau for expedited processing on his behalf, Rep. Allred was able to get Evan the necessary permits within 15 days. Now he is on track to open his business in Richardson later this year, and is excited to grow with the city.

Working with both parties to put North Texans First



Allred leads freshmen colleagues with a bill to end partisan shutdowns that harm the American people



Allred with Rep. Van Taylor (TX-03) and Rep. Lance Gooden (TX-05) at the American Jewish Committee's annual meeting in Dallas and Allred speaking to the Lower Greenville Neighborhood Association

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Allred Leads With Bipartisan Group to Stop Congressional Pay Raise in this Congress

There's another freshman to watch this week: Rep. Colin Allred, the Dallas Democrat who ousted veteran Rep. Pete Sessions. Republicans will do their best to win back the seat next year, which made it pretty much a no-brainer for him to help lead the resistance to a congressional pay raise.

Voting yourself a raise five months on the job usually doesn't go over well in the next election, and Allred avoided that pretty obvious pothole. He was one of 19 lawmakers from both parties to block the proposed raise.

"Too many hard-working North Texans are struggling to afford health care, and there is just too much to be done before we consider this," he said. (Dallas Morning News, 6/13)

Texas would be 'uniquely harmed' by Mexican tariffs

Allred said Texas will be "uniquely harmed" by the tariffs and hinted that damage is already being done.

"Even if the tariffs don't get put in place, this is bad for us because the uncertainty is bad for business," Allred said. "In Texas, this is our number one issue. We trade with Mexico. We are the number one trade state with Mexico and we have billions of dollars of trade going back and forth." (WFAA, 6/7)

Why Whataburger, J.C. Penney and other Texas businesses are crying foul over this goof in 2017 tax revamp

On the other side of the aisle, Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, continues to criticize the 2017 tax overhaul, saying that it had "a lot of mistakes" and was "sloppily done." But he said the "retail glitch" is "something, just in terms of fairness, that needs to be fixed."

"I don't want it to hurt small businesses," said Allred, who also co-sponsored the legislative fix. "I don't want it to hurt folks in our community when there's something we can do on a bipartisan basis to make it easier for our businesses to invest in improving themselves." (Dallas Morning News, 6/7)

Allred Joins Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) as Associate Member

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) this week announced he has joined the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) as an Associate Member along with a total of 11 new Associate Members. (Allred, 6/10)

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A tax glitch dinged this Gold Star family in Wylie, along with others. Congress is working on a fix

The congressman signed on as a co-sponsor to the same legislative correction to the “kiddie tax” that was ultimately co-sponsored by Fletcher and several other Texans, including Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Coppell; Rep. Bill Flores, R-Bryan; and Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas. (Dallas Morning News, 6/3)

Catching up with U.S. Rep. Colin Allred

Congress may not be in session, but M Streets neighbor and U.S. Rep. Colin Allred is still working in his district. At a town hall Wednesday at Greenland Hills United Methodist, the former NFL linebacker told constituents he has worked on several bipartisan bills during his five months in office. The first-term congressman, who was sworn in during the country’s longest government shutdown, serves on the veterans’ affairs, foreign affairs and transportation and infrastructure committees. (The Lakewood Advocate, 5/30)

Congressman Colin Allred holds meeting with voters

Freshman Congressman Colin Allred of Dallas met with voters Tuesday night to explain why he's not -- at least not yet -- calling to impeach President Donald Trump. He joined Good Day Wednesday morning to talk more about the political divide, Boeing's relationship with the FAA, federal spending and sending troops to the Middle East. (Fox 4, 5/29)

Colin Allred meets with constituents

After completing his first 100 days in office, U.S. Rep. Colin Allred paid Wylie a visit to hear citizen concerns and meet with school officials. He made an appearance at Wylie High School’s 544 Cafe Wednesday, April 17. Rather than make a speech, he had personal conversations to discuss various issues.

“We’re trying to find common ground,” he said. “I’m happy to be on the transportation and infrastructure committee so I can work on our infrastructure in Texas, and the veterans’ affairs committee – I’m trying to take care of the folks who have served our country so well.” (The Sachse News, 4/25)

Writing letters to politicians: Are you wasting your time?

Americans are hyper-focused on national politics. And you have lots to say to our Senators and Congress members. But are they listening to us? That's what Verify viewer Linda Carlow wants to know. [...] I spoke with Rep. Colin Allred, a Democrat. Allred says he frequently reads messages, sometimes calls constituents and helps his staffers craft responses. (WFAA, 3/31)

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Afghan Parents Granted Visa To Visit Son Who Was Critically Injured In Dallas Shooting

After being denied three times, the parents of a former Afghan translator who was critically injured in a shooting in Dallas have been granted a 3-month visa to visit their son. Amiri had worked for 7 years as a translator for the U.S. Armed Services in Afghanistan. He was granted a special immigrant visa in 2016 and moved to Dallas with his wife, Zahra, and his children. The situation grabbed the attention of Rep. Colin Allred, who sent a letter to the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, asking for consideration for Amiri's parents "to say their final goodbyes." (CBS DFW, 3/20)

Johnson, Veasey and Allred co-sponsor Equality Act

U.S. House Democrats introduced the Equality Act, which would prohibit anti-LGBT discrimination, this afternoon (Wednesday, March 13) and the three North Texas Democrats — Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Marc Veasey and Colin Allred — have signed on as co-sponsors. (Dallas Voice, 3/13)

Why is Dallas Rep. Colin Allred taking a break from Congress to return home?

Rep. Colin Allred is taking a break from Congress to return to Dallas. He and his wife, Alexandra Eber, are expecting the birth of their first child, a boy, [...] "Family is so important and as a country we must allow for parents to spend time with their babies because providing parents the ability to stay home during this critical period leads to better outcomes for men, women and families." Allred also said his experience makes it "clearer than ever" that Washington needs to fund basic paid sick leave and parental leave. (Dallas Morning News, 2/7)

Allred leads push to end shutdowns: attendance checks for Congress, no golf for presidents

All but the last four days of his short stint in Washington were spent with the government partly shuttered, and on Tuesday, Dallas Rep. Colin Allred led other Democratic freshmen in a push to avert future shutdowns. (Dallas Morning News, 1/29)



Allred with members of the Baylor University women's basketball team who won the NCAA national championship



Allred and Rep. Van Taylor (TX-03) on a flight back home to North Texas and Allred with members of the Dallas City Council in Washington

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Fighting to Fix Our Health Care System



Allred listening to a constituent speak about how Alzheimer's disease has affected his family



Allred speaking on the House floor about lowering the cost of prescription drugs

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Allred Releases Report on How the High Price of Insulin is Hurting North Texans

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) today released a report on the high price of insulin and how it is impacting constituents in the 32nd District of Texas.

“This report clearly shows that the cost of insulin is well above what other countries pay and it’s the responsibility of Congress to do something to address the high cost of insulin and prescription drugs,” said Allred. “Someone on Medicare pays about \$1,100 more per year for insulin as compared to what folks in other countries pay. There is bipartisan agreement here, and people are counting on us to deliver real results.” (NBC DFW, 6/16)

Allred and Bipartisan Group of Lawmakers Introduce Bill to Cover Breast Cancer Diagnosis Tests

Komen is grateful for the leadership of Reps. Dingell, Peter King (R-N.Y.), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Colin Allred (D-Texas), and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) on this important issue and for introducing legislation that will break down barriers to detecting breast cancer. (Morning Consult, 6/6)

Allred Votes for Legislation to Lower Prescription Drug Costs, Stabilize Health Care System and Protect People with Pre-Existing Conditions

Congressman Colin Allred voted for the Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act of 2019. The bipartisan bill is a combination of several measures aimed at lowering the cost of prescription drugs and stabilizing the health care system.

“I promised North Texans I would work to stop the sabotage to our health care system, stabilize the market and lower prescription drug prices,” said Allred. “Whether it is bolstering outreach so folks know their options or getting cheaper generic drugs to market quicker, this bill is another step toward fixing our health care system so everyone can get access to the affordable care that they need.” (Allred, 5/16)

House votes to condemn administration's push to dismantle Obamacare

The House on Wednesday approved a nonbinding resolution to condemn the Trump administration’s support for a lawsuit that would overturn Obamacare. Lawmakers approved the symbolic measure sponsored by freshman Rep. Colin Allred, D-Texas, in a 240-186 vote. (NBC News, 4/3)

House Democrats, led by Dallas Rep. Colin Allred, pressure Republicans over Trump plan to gut Obamacare

House Democrats are ramping up pressure on Republicans in Texas and beyond over President Donald Trump's surprise support in recent days for a lawsuit that would eliminate Obamacare in its entirety. Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, is leading the squeeze.

Democratic leaders tapped the freshman lawmaker to author a resolution condemning the Trump administration's new posture in court, providing yet another high-profile opportunity for the Democrat who last year defeated longtime Republican Rep. Pete Sessions of Dallas. "I'm proud to lead this resolution to assure Americans that this Congress will not allow protections for people with pre-existing conditions to go back to the bad old days, when they were thrown off their health care when they got sick," Allred said at a rally in front of the Supreme Court. (Dallas Morning News, 4/2)

House files to intervene in Texas health law case

The House is set to vote on Jan. 9 on a standalone resolution to intervene in the lawsuit by freshman Rep. Colin Allred, D-Texas [...] That resolution would be similar to Title III of the Democratic rules package detailing the authorization to intervene in the case. (Roll Call, 1/4)



Allred touring the PediPlace facility, a non-profit dedicated to providing primary care to children and Allred with a representative from Susan G. Komen after receiving the Susan G. Komen Congressional Champion Award



Allred on the steps of the Supreme Court urging Administration to stop health care sabotage

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Transportation and Infrastructure



Allred riding DART rail with DART President Gary Thomas



Allred with Rep. Stacey Plaskett (VI-AL) and Mo Bur of TxDOT at his Transportation Town Hall

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Allred Applauds \$60 million in Federal Grants for DART Improvements

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) today released the following statement after news that Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) received \$60.76 million in U.S. Department of Transportation grants:

“North Texas is rapidly growing and investments like these help our transportation systems modernize and support that growth,” said Allred. “Bolstering DART is both sustainable and helps drive our economy by connecting people to businesses and ensuring that workers have reliable transportation. I congratulate the leaders at DART for securing this federal grant, and I look forward to building on this work with agencies and local leaders alike from my post on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.” (Allred, 6/28)

House lawmakers grill FAA over Boeing 737 Max 8, citing Dallas Morning News reports

House lawmakers on Wednesday grilled U.S. aviation regulators over their role in certifying and overseeing the Boeing 737 Max 8, the plane that crashed twice in recent months -- killing nearly 350 people -- due to complications with a flight-control system.

Democrats on a House aviation subcommittee pushed the hardest, pressing acting Federal Aviation Administration chief Daniel Elwell to explain how the problem was allowed to fester.

[...] But Rep. Colin Allred, D-Dallas, pushed the FAA on Wednesday for additional context about the meeting between Boeing and the American Airlines pilots. (Dallas Morning News, 5/15)

Representatives Allred and Gallagher Introduce Bipartisan RAPID Act to Help Streamline Transportation Financing

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) and Congressman Mike Gallagher (WI-08) today introduced the Revitalizing American Priorities for Infrastructure Development (RAPID) Act in the House. The bill would incentivize investment in infrastructure through participation in the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA). The bill bolsters transparency for the public, applicants and Congress, as well as expedites projects that meet certain criteria. (Allred, 5/2)

Allred Prioritizes Investing in Transportation During April District Work Period

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) last week held a Transportation and Infrastructure Town Hall for constituents in the 32nd District of Texas. Allred was joined by Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett (VI-AL), Chair of the New Democrat Coalition Infrastructure Task Force, and Texas Department of Transportation’s Dallas engineer, Mo Bur. (Allred, 5/1)

Chairs DeFazio and Lipinski Announce Rep. Colin Allred Will Serve as Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Chair of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Daniel Lipinski (D-IL) announced Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX) will serve as Vice Chair of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials in the 116th Congress. (House Transportation Committee, 4/4)

Texas representatives write letter supporting Dallas to Houston high-speed rail project

Members of the U.S. House representing Texas have written a letter to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board supporting the Dallas to Houston high-speed rail project. Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) and Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30) led the bipartisan letter in support of Texas Central's proposed high-speed rail to connect Dallas and Houston. Rep. Allred calls this "a once in a generation opportunity." (FOX 4, 4/4)

North Texas Lawmakers Look Forward to President Trump's State of the Union Address

U.S. Rep. Colin Allred (D-Dallas, Dist. 32) said he's hopeful the president will try to unite the country and that he's looking for signals from the president that he wants to invest in infrastructure and lower the cost of health care. (NBC DFW, 2/5)

Texans in Congress Secure Key Committee Assignments

Allred is a breakout star among the Democratic freshmen who was elected co-president of the Democratic freshman class of 67. Allred is being rewarded with three committee assignments: Veterans' Affairs, Foreign Affairs, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

"North Texans face unique challenges every single day, and it is my honor to serve on these committees and work to improve the lives of everyday folks and keep Texas on the right track," said Allred. "We have so much to do for the American people, such as creating good paying jobs by rebuilding our infrastructure, working to provide security and stability at home and abroad, and caring for our veterans to ensure they have the resources and quality services they need." (Texas Monthly, 1/17)



Allred with Rep. Michael Burgess and Army Corps staff at the Army Corps facility in Lewisville, Texas and Allred touring Dallas Love Field Airport



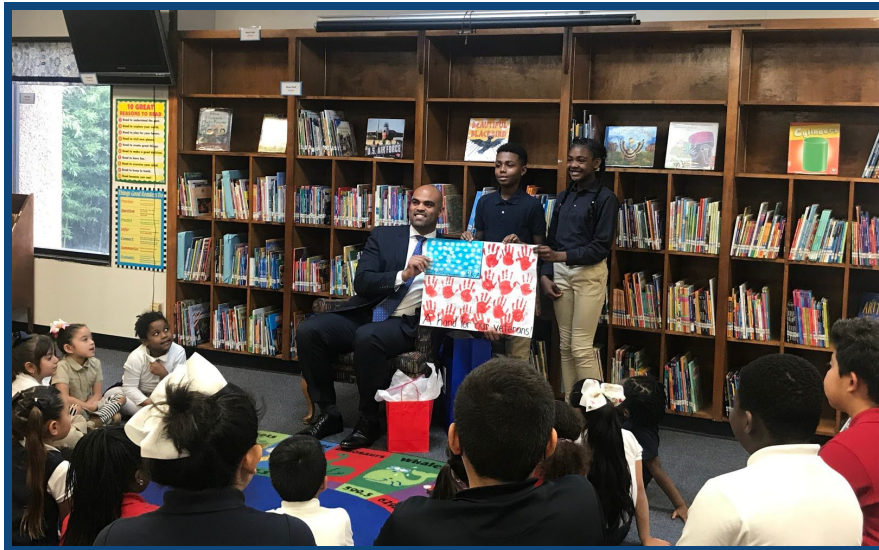
Allred visits American Airlines (left) and Southwest Airlines (right, pictured Southwest CEO Gary Kelly and Rep. Veronica Escobar (TX-16))

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Serving our Veterans



Allred at the opening of the Life Message Veterans Resource and Outreach Center in Rowlett



Allred visits his alma-mater Pershing Elementary to help make "Valentines for Vets"

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Allred Introduces VA Newborn Emergency Treatment Act, Closes Coverage Gap in Emergency Transportation Services

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, today introduced the VA Newborn Emergency Treatment Act. The bill clarifies that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can cover the costs of transportation for newborn babies of certain women veterans.

"Keeping our promises to veterans does not just include providing good, quality health care, it includes making sure veteran parents and their babies can get emergency transportation covered by the VA," said Congressman Allred. "Let's close this unnecessary gap in coverage, and get this done." (Dallas Weekly, 5/22)

Allred Amendment Strengthening VA Child Care Outreach Passes as Part of Bill to Bolster Veterans' Child Care Services

Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32), member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, today passed a bipartisan amendment out of the House as part of the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act. The underlying bill was led by Congresswoman Julia Brownley (CA-26) and the amendment was introduced with the help of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11) and cosponsored by Congresswoman Norma Torres (CA-35). (Allred, 2/8)

Allred visits Pershing Elementary to help make "Valentines for Vets"

Allred visited his alma-mater Pershing Elementary to speak to students and collect valentines made for veterans to distribute at the North Texas VA. (Fox 4, 2/2)

Allred hosts roundtable with North Texas government employees caught in middle of government shutdown

This Sunday, Congressman Colin Allred (TX-32) held a roundtable with federal workers living in the 32nd Congressional District of who have been impacted by the government shutdown. Allred listened to their stories, many of whom are working without pay or have been furloughed, and shared with the group his work to reopen the government, voting for bipartisan bills in the House.

Via Twitter, Allred shared three short videos of the employees sharing in their own words, how the historic government shutdown is impacting their families. The attendees included military veterans, one who has worked for more than 30 years for the government, and a single mom concerned how she will feed her children. (North Dallas Gazette, 1/14)



Allred visits with veterans at VA hospital in Dallas



Allred receives U.S. Army seal, U.S. Marine Corps seal, and U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs seal

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